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For: ORGANIC-INORGANIC COMPOSITE GRADED MATERIAL, PROCESS FOR
THE PRODUCTION THEREOF AND ITS USE

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January 29, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due December 26, 2002.

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$410 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now February 26, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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